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1. On 28 October 1952, 20 soldiers were seen cleaning 10 trucks in the quarters on Stalingrad Strasse, Tangermünde. Eight 37-mm AA guns were in the barracks yard.<sup>1</sup>

2. <sup>1</sup> prior to 5 October, the komendatura in Salzwedel had a personnel strength of about 75 to 80, most of them officers. Colonel Matrosov (fnu) was commanding officer and Junior Lieutenant Stern (fnu), his executive officer. For official trips, Colonel Matrosov almost exclusively used a sedan <sup>2</sup>. The administrative authority of the commanding officer was restricted to the town area of Salzwedel. One Golovach (fnu) was technical officer of the komendatura. Administrative documents for the Kreis Salzwedel were signed by Major Tsivolotsky (fnu), who came to Salzwedel about mid-August. <sup>3</sup> he previously worked in the area of the Gardelegen komendatura. Administrative officer Bekov (fnu), who has been in Salzwedel for three years, was assigned to the office of Major Tsivolotsky. The officers of the komendatura observed in the town mostly wore Volkspolizei (VP) uniforms. Most of the officers spoke German.<sup>2</sup>

1. <sup>1</sup> Comment. Although the 953d AAA Bn (US) of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div could not be confirmed after the fall of 1951, information contained in the present report indicates that at least elements of the battalion are still stationed in their previous billets in Tangermünde. Information contained in reports from Stendal in early October 1952 indicated, however, the newly reconstructed paratroopers' camp north of Taubentzien Kaserne to quarter the battalion. <sup>2</sup>. This assumption was strengthened by another report, according to which ten AAA emplacements were seen south of the Hindenburg Kaserne in mid-October 1952. <sup>3</sup>. As, according to unconfirmed reports from Schwerin, motorized rifle divisions may have been equipped with medium AA guns since October, it remains to be seen where in the area of the division mentioned above medium AA guns will be observed.

2. <sup>1</sup> Comment. <sup>2</sup> the transfer to Salzwedel of part of the personnel of the Gardelegen komendatura in late August. The komendatura in Salzwedel may have the authority of command over the border guards. Soviet officers wearing VP uniforms and called Sovietniks were previously reported in connection with the border guards.

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